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Summary

The present annual report covers the period from 3 April 2015 to 31 March 2016 and the 114th, 115th and 116th sessions of the Human Rights Committee. In total, there are 168 States parties to the Covenant, 115 to the Optional Protocol and 81 to the Second Optional Protocol.

During the period under review, the Committee considered 21 States parties' reports submitted under article 40 and adopted concluding observations on them (114th session: Canada; France; Spain; the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (Crown Dependencies); United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (Overseas Territory); Uzbekistan and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of); 115th session: Austria; Benin; Greece; Iraq; Republic of Korea; San Marino; and Suriname; 116th session: Costa Rica; Namibia; New Zealand; Rwanda; Slovenia; South Africa; and Sweden (see paragraph 15 below on concluding observations).

Under the Optional Protocol procedure, the Committee adopted 68 Views on communications, and declared 23 communications inadmissible. Consideration of communications was discontinued in 18 cases. So far, 2,759 communications have been registered since the entry into force of the Optional Protocol to the Covenant, including 166 since the writing of the previous report (see paragraphs 24-26 below on Optional Protocol decisions).

The Special Rapporteur for follow-up on concluding observations, Sarah Cleveland, and the Deputy Special Rapporteur for follow-up on concluding observations, Yadh Ben Achour, presented interim reports during the Committee's 114th, 115th and 116th sessions. The Special Rapporteur for follow-up on Views, Víctor Manuel Rodríguez-Rescia, presented progress reports at the 115th and 116th sessions.

The Committee again deplores the fact that a large number of States parties do not comply with their reporting obligations under article 40 of the Covenant. Forty-seven States parties are currently at least five years overdue with either an initial or periodic report.

During the 115th session, the Chair absented himself for two days to attend the interactive dialogue with the General Assembly in New York on 20 October 2015 (see paragraph 49 below).

Finally, recalling the obligation of the Secretary-General under article 36 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the Committee reaffirms its grave concern over the lack of sufficient staff resources and translation services that hampers its activities. Once again, it stresses the importance of providing the Secretariat with the necessary resources to support its work effectively. The Committee appreciates the decision of the General Assembly to adopt resolution 68/268 on strengthening and enhancing the effective functioning of the human rights treaty body process system, including provision for the two and a half extra weeks of meeting time the Committee received for the calendar year 2015. However, it regrets that insufficient human resources were provided to the Committee to ensure full implementation of that resolution (see paragraphs 43-45 below).

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I. Jurisdiction and activities

A. States parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and to the Optional Protocols

1. At the end of the 116th session of the Human Rights Committee, there were 168 States parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and 115 States parties to the First Optional Protocol to the Covenant. Both instruments have been in force since 23 March 1976. The Second Optional Protocol to the Covenant, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty, entered into force on 11 July 1991. As at 30 March 2016, there were 81 States parties to the Optional Protocol.

2. Since the previous report, there have been no new accessions to the Covenant or its Optional Protocols.

3. As at 30 March 2016, 50 States had made the declaration provided for under article 41 (1) of the Covenant. In this connection, the Committee appeals to States parties to make the declaration under article 41 of the Covenant and to consider using this mechanism with a view to making implementation of the provisions of the Covenant more effective.

4. All information on the status of the treaties, including reservations and declarations made by States parties, can be accessed at the following link: https://treaties.un.org/Pages/Treaties.aspx?id=4&subid=A&lang=en.

B. Sessions of the Committee

5. The Committee has held three sessions since the adoption of its previous annual report. The 114th session was held from 29 June to 24 July 2015, the 115th session from 19 October to 6 November 2015 and the 116th session from 7 to 31 March 2016. All sessions were held at the United Nations Office at Geneva.

C. Election of officers

6. On 16 March 2015, the Committee elected the following officers for a term of two years, in accordance with article 39 (1) of the Covenant (for a list of the Committee members, see annex I):

Chair:	Fabián Omar Salvioli
Vice-Chairs:	Yuji Iwasawa Anja Seibert-Fohr Dheerujlall Seetulsingh
Rapporteur:	Konstantine Vardzelashvili

7. During the 114th, 115th and 116th sessions, the Bureau of the Committee held 11 meetings. Pursuant to the decision taken at the seventy-first session, the Bureau records its decisions in formal minutes, which are kept as a record of all decisions taken.

D. Special Rapporteurs

8. The Special Rapporteur on new communications and interim measures, Nigel Rodley, and the co-rapporteur, Yuval Shany, registered 166 communications during the

reporting period and transmitted them to the States parties concerned, and issued 38 decisions calling for interim measures of protection pursuant to rule 92 of the Committee's rules of procedure.

9. The Special Rapporteur for follow-up on Views, Víctor Manuel Rodríguez-Rescia, the Special Rapporteur for follow-up on concluding observations, Sarah Cleveland, and the Deputy Special Rapporteur for follow-up on concluding observations, Yadh Ben Achour, continued to carry out their functions during the reporting period.

E. Working Group on Communications and country report task forces

10. Country report task forces met during the 114th, 115th and 116th sessions to consider and adopt lists of issues on the reports of Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ghana, Jamaica, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Morocco, Namibia, Rwanda, Slovakia, Slovenia and South Africa. Task forces also adopted lists of issues prior to reporting, under the simplified reporting procedure, on Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, El Salvador, Estonia, Guatemala and Hungary.

11. At the 114th session, the Working Group on Communications was composed of Mr. Lazhari Bouzid, Mr. Ben Achour, Mr. Olivier de Frouville, Mr. Rodríguez-Rescia and Ms. Margo Waterval. Ms. Waterval was designated Chair-Rapporteur. The Working Group met from 22 to 26 June 2015.

12. At the 115th session, the Working Group on Communications was composed of Mr. Bouzid, Ms. Cleveland, Mr. de Frouville, Mr. Iwasawa, Mr. Rodríguez-Rescia, Mr. Seetulsingh, Mr. Shany, Mr. Vardzelashvili and Ms. Waterval. Mr. Iwasawa was designated Chair-Rapporteur. The Working Group met from 12 to 16 October 2015.

13. At the 116th session, the Working Group on Communications was composed of Mr. Ben Achour, Ms. Cleveland, Mr. Iwasawa, Ms. Photini Pazartzis, Mr. Rodríguez-Rescia, Ms. Seibert-Fohr, Mr. Vardzelashvili and Ms. Waterval. Mr. Vardzelashvili was designated Chair-Rapporteur. The Working Group met from 29 February to 4 March 2016.

F. Derogations pursuant to article 4 of the Covenant

14. Article 4 (1) of the Covenant stipulates that, in time of public emergency which threatens the life of the nation, States parties may take measures derogating from certain of their obligations under the Covenant. Pursuant to article 4 (2), no derogation is allowed from articles 6, 7, 8 (1 and 2), 11, 15, 16 and 18. Pursuant to article 4 (3), any derogation must be immediately notified to the other States parties through the intermediary of the Secretary-General. A further notification is required upon the termination of the derogation.[1] During the period covered by the present report, the following States made derogations under the Covenant: France, Peru and Ukraine. All such notifications are available from the website of the Office of Legal Affairs (http://treaties.un.org).

[1] See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixtieth Session, Supplement No. 40*, vol. I (A/60/40 (vol. I)), chap. I, para. 28.

G. Concluding observations and follow-up to concluding observations

15. Since its forty-fourth session, held in March 1992,[2] the Committee has adopted concluding observations. It takes the concluding observations as a starting point in the preparation of the list of issues for the consideration of the subsequent State party report. During the period under review, concluding observations were adopted on 20 States parties. At its 114th session, the Committee adopted concluding observations on Canada (CCPR/C/CAN/CO/6), France (CCPR/C/FRA/CO/5), Spain (CCPR/C/ESP/CO/6), the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (CCPR/C/MKD/CO/3), the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (CCPR/C/GBR/CO/7), Uzbekistan (CCPR/C/UZB/CO/4) and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) (CCPR/C/VEN/CO/4). At its 115th session, the Committee adopted concluding observations on Austria (CCPR/C/AUT/CO/5), Benin (CCPR/C/BEN/CO/2), Greece (CCPR/C/GRC/CO/2), Iraq (CCPR/C/IRQ/CO/5), the Republic of Korea (CCPR/C/KOR/CO/4), San Marino (CCPR/C/SMR/CO/3) and Suriname (CCPR/C/SUR/CO/3). At its 116th session, the Committee adopted concluding observations on Costa Rica (CCPR/C/CRI/CO/6), Namibia (CCPR/C/NAM/CO/2), New Zealand (CCPR/C/NZL/CO/6), Rwanda (CCPR/C/RWA/CO/4), Slovenia (CCPR/C/SVN/CO/3), South Africa (CCPR/C/ZAF/CO/1) and Sweden (CCPR/C/SWE/CO/7). Those concluding observations are available from the website of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) under "Human rights bodies/Treaty bodies/Treaty bodies database" (www2.ohchr.org) and from the Official Document System of the United Nations (http://documents.un.org) under the symbols indicated.

16. At its seventy-fourth session, the Committee adopted decisions spelling out the modalities for following up on concluding observations.[3] The Committee invites the State party to report to it within a specified period regarding its follow-up to the Committee's recommendations, indicating what steps, if any, it has taken. The responses received are thereafter examined by the Committee's Special Rapporteur for follow-up on concluding observations. Since its seventy-sixth session, the Committee has, as a rule, examined the progress reports submitted by the Special Rapporteur on a sessional basis.

17. During its 108th session, the Committee adopted a note on the procedure for follow-up to concluding observations (CCPR/C/108/2). The note defines the rules and guidelines on the development of the follow-up process and is aimed at systematizing the practice developed.

18. During the period under review, the Special Rapporteur and the Deputy Special Rapporteur for follow-up on concluding observations submitted interim reports to the Committee during the 114th, 115th and 116th sessions.

19. During the 112th session, and given the difficulties the Special Rapporteur had in keeping within the word limit for reports on follow-up to concluding observations, the Committee decided to revert to the practice of preparing and adopting a report at each session (as opposed to two reports annually). During the period under review, follow-up comments were received from States parties. Follow-up information was also received from non-governmental organizations.

20. All information on follow-up to concluding observations, including follow-up reports, can be found on the OHCHR website at http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/TreatyBodyExternal/FollowUp.aspx?Treaty=CCPR&Lang=en.

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[2] Ibid., *Forty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 40* (A/47/40), chap. I, sect. E, para. 18.

[3] Ibid., *Fifty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 40* (A/57/40), vol. I, annex III, sect. A.

H. Communications and follow-up to Views

21. Individuals who claim that their rights under the Covenant have been violated by a State party and who have exhausted all available domestic remedies may submit written communications to the Committee for consideration under the Optional Protocol. No communication can be considered unless it concerns a State party to the Covenant that has recognized the competence of the Committee by becoming a party to the Optional Protocol.

22. Consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol is confidential and takes place in closed meetings (art. 5 (3)). The Committee's final decisions (Views, decisions declaring a communication inadmissible, decisions to discontinue the consideration of a communication) are made public; the names of the authors are disclosed unless the Committee decides otherwise at the request of the authors.

23. An overview of States parties' obligations under the Optional Protocol is contained in the Committee's general comment No. 33 (2008) on the obligations of States parties under the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

1. Progress of work

24. The Committee started its work under the Optional Protocol at its second session, in 1977. Since then, 2,759 communications concerning 92 States parties have been registered for consideration by the Committee, of which 166 were registered during the period covered by the present report. At present, the status of the 2,759 registered communications is as follows:

(a) Consideration concluded by the adoption of Views under article 5 (4) of the Optional Protocol: 1,156, in 975 of which violations of the Covenant were found;

(b) Declared inadmissible: 668;

(c) Discontinued or withdrawn: 386;

(d) Not yet concluded: 540.

25. At its 114th, 115th and 116th sessions, the Committee adopted Views on 68 cases and concluded the consideration of 23 cases by declaring them inadmissible. The Views and final decisions adopted by the Committee at those sessions are available through the treaty body case law database (http://juris.ohchr.org/), as well as from the details on jurisprudence available on the OHCHR website (per session) (www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/CCPR/Pages/Jurisprudence.aspx). They are also accessible through the treaty body database on the OHCHR website (www2.ohchr.org) and from the Official Document System of the United Nations (http://documents.un.org).

26. The Committee decided to discontinue the consideration of 18 communications for such reasons as withdrawal by the author, or because the author or counsel failed to respond to the Committee despite repeated reminders, or because the authors, who had expulsion orders pending against them, were allowed to stay in the countries concerned.

27. The table below sets out the pattern of the Committee's work on communications over the past six years (communications dealt with from 2010 to 31 December 2015).

Year	*New cases registered*	*Cases concluded*	*Pending cases at 31 December*
2015	196	101	532
2014	191	124	456
2013	93	72	379

Year	*New cases registered*	*Cases concluded*[a]	*Pending cases at 31 December*
2012	102	99	355
2011	106	188	352
2010	96	94	434

[a] Total number of cases decided (by the adoption of Views, inadmissibility decisions and decisions to discontinue consideration).

28. By the date of adoption of the present report (30 March 2016), some 88 communications were ready for a Committee's decision on admissibility and/or the merits.

2. Approaches to considering communications under the Optional Protocol

(a) Special Rapporteur on new communications and interim measures

29. At its thirty-fifth session, in March 1989, the Committee decided to designate a special rapporteur authorized to process new communications and requests for interim measures as they were received, i.e. between sessions of the Committee. During the 114th, 115th and 116th sessions, the Special Rapporteur on new communications and interim measures and the co-rapporteur continued their activities. In the period covered by the present report, 166 new communications were transmitted to States parties under rule 97 of the Committee's rules of procedure, requesting information or observations relevant to questions of admissibility and the merits. In 38 cases, the Special Rapporteur issued requests for interim measures pursuant to rule 92 of the Committee's rules of procedure.

30. The methods of work of the Special Rapporteur were approved by the Committee at its 110th session (CCPR/C/110/3).

(b) Competence of the Working Group on Communications

31. At its thirty-sixth session, in July 1989, the Committee decided to authorize the Working Group on Communications to adopt decisions declaring communications admissible when all members of the Working Group so agreed. Failing such agreement, the Working Group refers the matter to the Committee. It also does so whenever it believes that the Committee itself should decide the question of admissibility. The Working Group can also adopt decisions declaring communications inadmissible if all members so agree. However, the decision will be transmitted to the Committee in plenary, which may confirm it without formal discussion or examine it at the request of any Committee member.

3. Individual opinions

32. In its work under the Optional Protocol, the Committee seeks to adopt decisions by consensus. However, pursuant to rule 104 of the Committee's rules of procedure, members can add their individual opinions (concurring or dissenting) to the Committee's Views. Under this rule, members can also append their individual opinions to the Committee's decisions declaring communications admissible or inadmissible.

33. During the period under review, individual opinions were appended to the Committee's Views and decisions concerning 28 cases.

4. Cooperation by States parties in the examination of communications

34. In several cases decided during the period under review, the Committee noted that States parties had failed to cooperate in the procedure by not providing observations on the admissibility and/or the merits of the authors' allegations. The States parties in question are

Belarus (13 cases), Belgium (1 case) and the Democratic Republic of the Congo (1 case). The Committee deplored the situation and recalled that it was implicit in the Optional Protocol that States parties should transmit to the Committee all information at their disposal. In the absence of a reply, due weight has to be given to the author's allegations, to the extent that they have been properly substantiated.

35. In two cases against Belarus and one case against the Russian Federation decided during the period under review, the Committee noted with regret that the States parties had failed to respect the Committee's request for interim measures. The Committee recalled that a State party commits grave breaches of its obligations under the Optional Protocol if its inaction serves to prevent or frustrate consideration by the Committee of a communication alleging a violation of the Covenant or to render examination by the Committee moot and the expression of its Views nugatory and futile.

5. Issues considered by the Committee

36. A review of the Committee's work under the Optional Protocol from its second session in 1977 to its 113th session in March 2015 can be found in the Committee's annual reports from 1984 to 2015 and CCPR/C/113/4 (available in English only), which contain summaries of the procedural and substantive issues considered by the Committee and of the decisions taken. A chapter on the jurisprudential developments of the Committee during the period under review is not contained in the present annual report but in CCPR/C/116/3 (available in English only). The full texts of the Views adopted by the Committee and of its decisions declaring communications inadmissible under the Optional Protocol are available in the treaty body database (http://juris.ohchr.org).

6. Follow-up to Views

37. During the period under review, the Special Rapporteur for follow-up on Views, Mr. Rodríguez-Rescia, submitted reports at the 115th (see CCPR/C/115/3) and 116th sessions. Owing to time constraints, the Committee did not adopt the report on follow-up to Views presented by the Special Rapporteur at its 116th session.

38. To date, the Committee has concluded that there has been a violation of the Covenant in 975 of the 1,156 Views adopted since 1979. The Committee has continued its practice, initiated on a trial basis at its 109th session, to include in its reports on follow-up to Views an assessment of the replies received from or action taken by States parties; the assessment uses the criteria established for the follow-up procedure to the concluding observations. The Committee again notes that many States parties have failed to implement the Views adopted under the Optional Protocol.

39. During the reporting period, the Committee continued to seek the implementation of its Views through its Special Rapporteur for follow-up on Views. Meetings were arranged with representatives of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Libya, the Philippines, Spain and Sri Lanka so that the Committee could engage in a dialogue with them on the measures taken to give effect to its Views.

40. At its 115th and 116th session, the Committee decided to close the follow-up dialogue with a note of satisfactory implementation of its recommendations in communications No. 238/1987, *Bolaños v. Ecuador*, No. 1908/2009, *X v. Republic of Korea*, and No. 2007/2010, *X v. Denmark*. In case No. 1756/2008, *Zhumabaeva v. Kyrgyzstan*, the Committee decided to resume the follow-up dialogue, which had been suspended at the 112th session.

I. General comments under article 40 (4) of the Covenant

41. At its 114th session, the Committee held a half-day of discussion on article 6 (right to life) on the basis of a note adopted at the previous session by the rapporteurs, Mr. Rodley and Mr. Shany. The discussion attracted over 100 non-governmental organizations and 40 speakers on a variety of themes, among them abortion, the death penalty, the interplay between economic, social and cultural rights on the one hand and political and civil rights on the other hand, and the right to life and different areas of law, including international humanitarian law and the International Criminal Court. The reports provided by civil society for the event are available from www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/CCPR/Pages/GC36-Article6Righttolife.aspx.

42. At its 115th session, the Committee started to review its draft general comment on article 6 (right to life). At its 116th session, the Committee continued its review of the draft.

J. Staff resources and translation of official documents

43. In accordance with article 36 of the Covenant, the Secretary-General is obliged to provide the Committee with the necessary staff and facilities for the effective performance of its functions. The Committee reaffirms its concern regarding the shortage of staff resources and stresses once again the importance of allocating adequate staff resources to service its sessions and to promote greater awareness, understanding and implementation of its recommendations at the national level. The Committee stresses the fact that, unless there would be a significant increase in the staff capacity of the Petitions Unit to process individual communications, the Committee's ability to address its backlog in that regard will continue to be seriously compromised. Furthermore, the Committee expresses grave concern that general rules within the United Nations concerning staff mobility in the Secretariat may hamper the work of the Committee, in particular for staff working in the Petitions Unit, who need to remain in their positions for a sufficiently long period so as to acquire experience and knowledge regarding the jurisprudence of the Committee.

44. The Committee is grateful to the General Assembly for the adoption of resolution 68/268 on strengthening and enhancing the effective functioning of the human rights treaty body system, including the provision for the two and a half extra weeks of meeting time that the Committee received for the calendar years 2015 and 2016. It regrets, however, that insufficient human resources were provided to the Committee to ensure full implementation of the resolution. In particular, due to a shortage of human resources available for the Secretariat to carry out preparatory work necessary for the review of an additional number of communications, the Committee was not able to avail itself of some of the additional meeting days granted by the General Assembly.

45. The Committee reaffirms its deep concern that, despite having the requisite mandate and financial entitlement to have its replies to the lists of issues translated, there remains limited availability of these documents during its sessions. It also expresses concern that, during the 116th session, the draft report of the Special Rapporteur for follow-up on concluding observations and the draft report of the Special Rapporteur for follow-up on Views under the first Optional Protocol to the Covenant were available in only one of the Committee's working languages, namely English, on account that there is no explicit mandate for the translation of the documents in question — although these had been translated regularly in the past. The Committee stresses that follow-up is an essential part of its activities and the lack of translations directly affected the quality of the Committee's work. The Committee therefore adopts the following formal decision on translation of the follow-up reports and draft documents, to be reflected in its annual report:

Any draft document relating to the Committee's activities under the Covenant and requiring discussion and adoption by the Committee, including any document related to reporting (such as draft concluding observations, draft lists of issues, draft lists of issues prior to reporting, and draft reports on follow-up to concluding observations), individual and inter-State communications (such as draft views and draft reports on follow-up to Views), legal interpretations (such as draft general comments) and working and other matters (such as draft annual reports, draft rules of procedure and draft guidelines) must be translated into the working languages of the Committee.

K. Publicity for the work of the Committee

46. At its ninety-fourth session, the Committee adopted a paper on a strategic approach to public relations with the media (CCPR/C/94/3).

47. During the 115th and 116th sessions, the Centre for Civil and Political Rights continued to webcast the examination of all States parties' reports as well as other public meetings of interest. Unfortunately, the Centre was not in a position to webcast the examinations of reports held during the 114th session, except those involving Uzbekistan and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela. The webcast may be viewed at the following link: www.treatybodywebcast.org.

48. The Committee continued to develop a robust media strategy, which included holding well-attended press conferences at the end of each session (with the exception of the 116th session held in March 2016). The Committee is grateful for the invaluable assistance of the new communications officer. A significant number of articles on all of the countries examined during the period under review, as well as requests for interviews, resulted from these endeavours.

L. Submission of the Committee's annual report to the General Assembly

49. During the 115th session, the Chair attended the interactive dialogue with the General Assembly in New York on 20 October 2015, at which time he presented the Committee's annual report.

M. Adoption of the report

50. At its 3263rd meeting, on 30 March 2016, the Committee considered the draft of its fortieth annual report, covering its activities at its 114th, 115th and 116th sessions, held in 2015 and 2016. The report, as amended in the course of the discussion, was adopted unanimously. By virtue of its decision 1985/105 of 8 February 1985, the Economic and Social Council authorized the Secretary-General to transmit the Committee's annual report directly to the General Assembly.

II. Methods of work of the Committee under article 40 of the Covenant and cooperation with other United Nations bodies

51. The present section contains a summary and an explanation of the modifications introduced by the Committee to its working methods under article 40 of the Covenant during the past year, as well as recent decisions adopted by the Committee on follow-up to its concluding observations on State party reports.

A. Recent developments and decisions on procedures

52. At its 116th session, the Committee decided to introduce a new standard paragraph in its concluding observations, inviting States that have not yet done so to accept the simplified reporting procedure.

53. At its 116th session, the Committee decided to introduce an expedited procedure for repetitive communications as a pilot project for a period of one year to address the growing backlog of pending communications and to appoint two co-rapporteurs to handle repetitive communications.

54. At its 116th session, the Committee established the Working Group for the revision of the rules of procedure, with the following composition: Mr. Seetulsingh, Mr. Shany, Ms. Cleveland, Ms. Pazartzis and Mr. de Frouville.

1. Focused reports based on lists of issues prior to reporting

55. In October 2009, the Committee decided to make a new reporting procedure available to a limited number of States parties. At its 111th session (July 2014), the Committee decided that the simplified reporting procedure should be in principle offered to all States parties and should remain applicable to periodic reports only (see A/70/40, para. 56 (a)). Information on the procedure can be found at www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/CCPR/Pages/SimplifiedReportingProcedure.aspx.

56. At its 115th and 116th sessions, the Committee examined the sixth periodic report of New Zealand, the third periodic report of San Marino and the seventh periodic report of Sweden, all submitted pursuant to the simplified reporting procedure. At its 114th session, the Committee adopted lists of issues prior to reporting with respect to the fourth periodic report of Bulgaria, the fifth periodic report of Belarus and the seventh periodic report of El Salvador. At its 115th session, it adopted lists of issues prior to reporting with respect to the third periodic report of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the fourth periodic report of Guatemala and the sixth periodic report of Hungary. At its 116th session, it did the same in respect of the fourth periodic report of Estonia.

2. Cooperation with national human rights institutions and non-governmental organizations

57. At its 104th session, the Committee adopted a paper on its collaboration with non-governmental organizations (CCPR/C/104/3).

58. At its 106th session, the Committee adopted a similar paper on its collaboration with national human rights institutions (CCPR/C/106/3).

3. Mandate of the Special Rapporteur on new communications and interim measures

59. At its 110th session, the Committee adopted a note on the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on new communications and interim measures (CCPR/C/110/3).

4. Kosovo[4]

60. At its 116th session, the Committee decided, based on its concluding observations on the second periodic report of Serbia (see CCPR/C/SRB/CO/2, para. 3), adopted on 29 March 2011, to reiterate its letter dated 19 May 2011, requesting the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo to provide it, in cooperation with the institutions of Kosovo, and without prejudice to the final legal status of Kosovo, with a report on the human rights situation in Kosovo since July 2006.

5. South Sudan

61. At its 116th session, the Committee, bearing in mind that South Sudan became independent in July 2011, decided to reiterate its letter dated 1 November 2013 to the State party, recalling that, in the light of its general commem No. 26 (1997) on issues relating to the continuity of obligations to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights,[5] the people of South Sudan remain under the protection of the Covenant, and inviting South Sudan to submit an initial report under article 40 (1) (a) of the Covenant.

B. Links to other bodies

62. During its 115th session, the Committee held its fifth meeting with the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, whose session overlapped with that of the Human Rights Committee. The meeting gave the members of both Committees an opportunity to continue their discussion on how they consider issues of reproductive health, in particular abortion. The Committee is very grateful to the Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian and Human Rights Law for having supported the meeting through its treaty body platform.

[4] All references to Kosovo in the present publication should be understood in compliance with Security Council resolution 1244 (1999).

[5] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-third Session, Supplement No. 40*, vol. I (A/53/40 (Vol. I)), annex VII.

III. Submission of reports by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant

63. In line with the guidelines adopted by the Committee at its sixty-sixth session and amended at its seventieth session (CCPR/C/66/GUI/Rev.2), the five-year periodicity in reporting, which the Committee had established at its thirteenth session, in July 1981 (CCPR/C/19/Rev.1), was replaced by a flexible system whereby the date for the subsequent periodic report by a State party is set on a case-by-case basis at the end of the Committee's concluding observations on any report, in accordance with article 40 of the Covenant and in the light of the guidelines for reporting and the working methods of the Committee. The Committee confirmed this approach in its current guidelines, adopted at the ninety-ninth session (CCPR/C/2009/1).

64. At its 104th session, the Committee decided to allow States parties to submit reports at intervals of no more than six years.

65. At its 114th session, the Committee decided that, in considering the periodicity for submitting reports, it will take into account whether the States parties in question have agreed to follow the simplified reporting procedure. Given the long administrative delay in the processing of reports and lists of issues under the regular, as opposed to the simplified, reporting procedure, the Committee will seek to ensure fairness when deciding on the periodicity for the submission of future reports.

A. Reports submitted to the Secretary-General from April 2015 to 31 March 2016

66. During the period covered by the present report, 18 reports were submitted to the Secretary-General by the following States parties: Argentina (fifth periodic report), Bangladesh (initial report), Bosnia and Herzegovina (third periodic report), Denmark (sixth periodic report), Ecuador (sixth periodic report), Honduras (second periodic report), Italy (sixth periodic report), Liechtenstein (second periodic report), Madagascar (fourth periodic report), Mongolia (sixth periodic report), New Zealand (sixth periodic report), Pakistan (initial report), Poland (seventh periodic report), Republic of Moldova (third periodic report), Serbia (third periodic report), Slovakia (fourth periodic report), Sweden (seventh periodic report) and Turkmenistan (second periodic report).

B. Overdue reports and non-compliance by States parties with their obligations under article 40

67. The Committee wishes to reiterate that States parties to the Covenant must submit the reports referred to in article 40 of the Covenant on time so that the Committee can duly perform its functions under that article. Regrettably, serious delays have been noted since the establishment of the Committee.

68. The Committee notes with concern that the failure of States parties to submit reports hinders the performance of its monitoring functions under article 40 of the Covenant. The Committee reiterates that States with overdue reports are in default of their obligations under article 40 of the Covenant (see annex II for the list of States parties with overdue reports).

69. The Committee draws particular attention to the fact that 21 initial reports are overdue, of which 7 are overdue between 5 and 10 years and 11 are overdue by 10 years or more. The result is frustration of a crucial objective of the Covenant, namely, to enable the

Committee to monitor compliance by States parties with their obligations under the Covenant on the basis of periodic reports. The Committee addresses reminders at regular intervals to all those States parties whose reports are significantly overdue.

70. Owing to the concern of the Committee about the number of overdue reports and non-compliance by States parties with their obligations under article 40 of the Covenant,[6] amendments to the rules of procedure were formally adopted during the seventy-first session, in March 2001.[7] The Committee has applied the revised rules since the end of the seventy-first session (April 2001).

71. The amendments introduced a procedure to be followed when a State party has failed to honour its reporting obligations for a long time, or requests a postponement of its scheduled appearance before the Committee at short notice. In both situations, the Committee may henceforth notify the State concerned that it intends to consider, from material available to it, the measures adopted by that State party to give effect to the provisions of the Covenant, even in the absence of a report.

72. At its 103rd session, the Committee amended its rules of procedure (rules 68 and 70) relating to the examination of country situations in the absence of a report (review procedure).[8] Since 2012, the examination of such country situations takes place in public rather than closed sessions and the resulting concluding observations are also issued as public documents.

73. The Committee first applied the procedure under rule 70 of its rules of procedure to a non-reporting State at its seventy-fifth session. To date, the procedure to examine States parties in the absence of a report has been initiated with regard to the following 21 States parties: Bangladesh, Barbados, Belize, Cabo Verde, the Central African Republic, Côte d'Ivoire, Dominica, Equatorial Guinea, Gambia, Grenada, Haiti, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Nicaragua, Rwanda, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, San Marino, Seychelles, South Africa and Suriname. Information on all States parties examined under this procedure up until the 110th session is contained in the annual report to the sixty-ninth session.[9]

74. Prior to its 112th session, the Committee indicated to South Africa that it would adopt a list of issues in the absence of a report from that State party during the 112th session. On 26 November 2014, South Africa submitted its report and the adoption of a list of issues was rescheduled. A note verbale was also sent to Bangladesh indicating that the Committee would adopt a list of issues in the absence of a report at the 112th session. Following a commitment by Bangladesh to provide the Committee with a report by March 2015, the Committee deferred consideration of the situation of civil and political rights in Bangladesh until receipt of the report. Bangladesh submitted its report on 19 June 2015.

C. Periodicity with respect to States parties' reports examined during the period under review

75. At its 104th session, the Committee decided to allow States parties to submit reports at intervals of no more than six years. Thus, the Committee may now ask States parties to

[6] Ibid., *Fifty-first Session, Supplement No. 40*, vol. I (A/51/40 (vol. I)), chap. III, sect. B, and ibid., *Fifty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 40* (A/57/40), chap. III, sect. B.

[7] Ibid., *Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 40* (A/56/40), vol. I, annex III, sect. B. The revised rules were confirmed in the amended rules of procedure adopted at the 103rd session.

[8] Ibid., *Sixty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 40*, vol. I (A/67/40 (vol. I)), chap. II, para. 64.

[9] Ibid., *Sixty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 40*, vol. I (A/69/40 (vol. I)), chap. III, paras. 101-117.

submit their subsequent periodic reports within three, four, five or six years. At its 114th session, the Committee decided that, when determining the periodicity for future reports, States submitting reports under the simplified reporting procedure be given an extra year to provide their reports as compared to those submitting under the standard reporting procedure, with a view to ensuring fairness between States parties making use of the different procedures. Accordingly, the Committee may now ask States parties submitting reports under the simplified reporting procedure to provide their periodic reports at intervals of no more than seven years (i.e., the maximum six years allowed under the standard reporting procedure plus an extra year).

76. The dates of examination of the State party reports considered during the period under review and the due date for the next reports are indicated in the table below.

State party	*Date of examination*	*Due date for next report*
Canada	July 2015	24 July 2020
France	July 2015	24 July 2020
Spain	July 2015	24 July 2020
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	July 2015	24 July 2020
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	July 2015	24 July 2020
Uzbekistan	July 2015	24 July 2018
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	July 2015	24 July 2018
Austria	October 2015	6 November 2021
Benin	October 2015	6 November 2019
Greece	October 2015	6 November 2020
Iraq	October 2015	6 November 2018
Republic of Korea	October 2015	6 November 2019
San Marino	October 2015	6 November 2022[a]
Suriname	October 2015	6 November 2020
Costa Rica	March 2016	31 March 2021
Namibia	March 2016	31 March 2020
New Zealand	March 2016	31 March 2023[a]
Rwanda	March 2016	31 March 2019
Slovenia	March 2016	31 March 2021
South Africa	March 2016	31 March 2020
Sweden	March 2016	31 March 2023[a]

[a] The due date for next report includes one extra year added to the periodicity on account of reporting under the simplified reporting procedure.

Annex I

Members and officers of the Human Rights Committee, 2015-2016

Name	*Country of nationality*[a]	*Term ends 31 December*
Yadh Ben Achour	Tunisia	2018[b]
Lazhari Bouzid	Algeria	2016[c]
Sarah Cleveland	United States of America	2018[b]
Ahmed Amin Fathalla	Egypt	2016[c]
Olivier de Frouville	France	2018[b]
Ivana Jelić	Montenegro	2018[b]
Yuji Iwasawa	Japan	2018[b]
Duncan Laki Muhumuza	Uganda	2018[b]
Photini Pazartzis	Greece	2018[b]
Mauro Politi	Italy	2018[b]
Nigel Rodley	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	2016[c]
Víctor Manuel Rodríguez-Rescia	Costa Rica	2016[c]
Dheerujlall Seetulsingh	Mauritius	2016
Fabián Omar Salvioli	Argentina	2016[c]
Anja Seibert-Fohr	Germany	2016[c]
Yuval Shany	Israel	2016[c]
Konstantine Vardzelashvili	Georgia	2016[c]
Margo Waterval	Suriname	2018[b]

Note: Information on current and past membership of the Committee can be found at www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/CCPR/Pages/Membership.aspx.

[a] In accordance with article 28 (3) of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the members of the Committee shall be elected and shall serve in their personal capacity.

[b] Member elected during the 34th meeting of States parties, held in New York on 24 June 2014.

[c] Member elected during the 32nd meeting of States parties, held in New York on 6 September 2012.

The officers of the Committee, elected for a term of two years at the meeting, on 16 March 2015 (113th session), are the following:

Chair:	Fabián Omar Salvioli
Vice-Chairs:	Yuji Iwasawa Dheerujlall Seetulsingh Anja Seibert-Fohr
Rapporteur:	Konstantine Vardzelashvili

Annex II

Status of submission of reports under article 40 of the Covenant (as at 31 March 2016)

A. States parties the initial report of which is overdue (21 States parties)

	State party	*Date due*	*Years overdue*	*Considered in the absence of a report*	*Remarks*
1.	Equatorial Guinea	24 December 1988	27	Seventy-ninth session (October 2003)	Deadline in concluding observations to submit initial report by 1 August 2004
2.	Somalia	23 April 1991	24		
3.	Grenada	6 September 1991	24	Ninetieth session (July 2007)	Deadline in concluding observations to submit initial report by 31 December 2008
4.	Seychelles	4 August 1993	22	101st session (March 2011)	Deadline in concluding observations to submit initial report by 1 April 2012
5.	Dominica	16 September 1994	21	List of issues adopted at the 102nd session (July 2011; consideration was postponed)	
6.	Cabo Verde	5 November 1994	21	104th session (March 2012)	Deadline in concluding observations to submit initial report by 30 March 2013
7.	Belize	9 September 1997	18	107th session (March 2013)	Deadline in concluding observations to submit initial report by 28 March 2015
8.	Eritrea	22 April 2003	12		Deadline in last reminder letter (rule 70 of the rules of procedure) to submit report by 12 November 2014
9.	Timor-Leste	19 December 2004	11		Deadline in last reminder letter (rule 70 of the rules of procedure) to submit report by 12 November 2014
10.	Swaziland	27 June 2005	10		Deadline in last reminder letter (rule 70 of the rules of procedure) to submit report by 12 November 2014

	State party	Date due	Years overdue	Considered in the absence of a report	Remarks
11.	Liberia	22 December 2005	10		Deadline in last reminder letter (rule 70 of the rules of procedure) to submit report by 12 November 2014
12.	Bahrain	20 December 2007	8		Deadline in last reminder letter (rule 70 of the rules of procedure) to submit report by 12 November 2014
13.	Andorra	22 December 2007	8		
14.	Samoa	15 May 2009	6		
15.	Papua New Guinea	21 October 2009	6		
16.	Vanuatu	21 February 2010	6		
17.	Bahamas	23 March 2010	6		
18.	Lao People's Democratic Republic	25 December 2010	5		
19.	Guinea-Bissau	1 February 2012	4		
20.	South Sudan	9 July 2012	3		Bearing in mind that the Sudan has been a party to the Covenant since 1986, and that South Sudan became independent from it in July 2011, the Committee, in the light of its general comment No. 26 (1997) on issues relating to the continuity of obligations to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-third Session, Supplement No. 40*, vol. I (A/53/40 (Vol. I)), annex VII), is of the view that the people of South Sudan remain under the protection of the Covenant, and thus South Sudan should submit an initial report under article 40 (1) (a) of the Covenant. The Committee decided, on two occasions, to invite South Sudan to submit an initial report (see para. 61 above and A/69/70, Vol. I, para. 75).
21.	State of Palestine	3 July 2015			Accession on 2 April 2014

B. States parties the periodic report of which is overdue by 10 years or more (20 States parties)

	State party	*Type of report*	*Date due*	*Years overdue*	*Accepted simplified reporting procedure*	*New due date*	*Remarks*
1.	Afghanistan	Third	15 May 1996	19	12 May 2011	31 October 2013	List of issues prior to reporting adopted at the 105th session (July 2012)
2.	Congo	Third	31 March 2003	13			
3.	Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Third	1 January 2004	12			
4.	Egypt	Fourth	1 November 2004	11			
5.	Gabon	Third	31 October 2003	12			
6.	Gambia	Second	21 June 1985	30			Concluding observations adopted in the absence of the second periodic report at the seventy-fifth session (July 2002)
7.	Guinea	Third	30 September 1994	2			
8.	Guyana	Third	31 March 2003	13			
9.	India	Fourth	31 December 2001	14			
10.	Lebanon	Third	31 December 1999	16			
11.	Lesotho	Second	30 April 2002	13			
12.	Mali	Third	1 April 2005	10			
13.	Niger	Second	31 March 1994	22			
14.	Nigeria	Second	28 October 1999	16			
15.	Romania	Fifth	28 April 1999	16	15 July 2013	30 April 2015	List of issues prior to reporting adopted at the 110th session (March 2014)

	State party	Type of report	Date due	Years overdue	Accepted simplified reporting procedure	New due date	Remarks
16.	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	Second	31 October 1991	24			Concluding observations adopted in the absence of the second periodic report at the eighty-sixth session (March 2006)
17.	Senegal	Fifth	4 April 2000	15			
18.	Trinidad and Tobago	Fifth	31 October 2003	12			
19.	Viet Nam	Third	1 August 2004	11			
20.	Zimbabwe	Second	1 June 2002	13			

C. States parties the periodic report of which is between 5 and 10 years overdue (nine States parties)

	State party	Type of report	Date due	Years overdue	Accepted simplified reporting procedure	New due date	Remarks
1.	Barbados	Fourth	29 March 2011	5			
2.	Brazil	Third	31 October 2009	6			
3.	Central African Republic	Third	1 August 10	5			
4.	Democratic Republic of the Congo	Fourth	1 April 2009	6			Report received on 9 February 2016. Requested to submit Microsoft Word version
5.	Libya	Fifth	30 October 2010	7			
6.	Luxembourg	Fourth	1 April 2008	8			
7	Mauritius	Fifth	1 April 2010	5			Information from State that the report is expected by the end of 2014
8.	Syrian Arab Republic	Fourth	1 August 2009	6			
9.	Uganda	Second	1 April 2008	7			

D. States parties the report of which is less than five years overdue (20 States parties)

	State party	*Type of report*	*Date due*	*Years overdue*	*Accepted simplified reporting procedure*	*New due date*	*Remarks*
1.	Algeria	Fourth	1 November 2011	4			
2.	Australia	Sixth	1 April 2013	2	10 March 2011	20 December 2013	List of issues prior to reporting adopted at the 106th session (October 2012)
							Report received but exceeded word limit. Requested to resubmit by 15 June 2016
3.	Belgium	Sixth	29 October 2015		28 November 2014		List of issues prior to reporting to be adopted at the 117th session (June 2016)
4.	Botswana	Second	31 March 2012	4			
5.	Cameroon	Fifth	30 July 2013	2	2 February 2011	30 July 2013	List of issues prior to reporting adopted at the 103rd session (October 2011)
6.	Dominican Republic	Sixth	30 March 2016				
7.	Ethiopia	Second	29 July 2014	1			
8.	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Fourth	2 November 2014	1			
9.	Jordan	Fifth	29 October 2014	1			
10.	Kenya	Fourth	30 July 2015				
11.	Maldives	Second	30 July 2015				
12.	Mexico	Sixth	30 March 2014	2	18 December 2013	31 August 2015	List of issues prior to reporting adopted at the 111th session (July 2014)
13.	Netherlands (including Antilles and Aruba)	Fifth	31 July 2014	1			

	State party	Type of report	Date due	Years overdue	Accepted simplified reporting procedure	New due date	Remarks
14.	Nicaragua	Fourth	29 October 2012	3			
15.	Panama	Fourth	31 March 2012	4			
16.	Tunisia	Sixth	31 March 2012	4			
17.	Togo	Fifth	1 April 2015		24 February 2016		
18.	United Republic of Tanzania	Fifth	1 August 2013	2			
19.	Yemen	Sixth	30 March 2015	1			
20.	Zambia	Fourth	20 July 2011	4			

E. States parties the report of which is not yet due (76 States parties)

	State party	Type of report	Date due	Accepted simplified reporting procedure	New due date	Remarks
1.	Albania	Third	26 July 2018			
2.	Angola	Second	30 March 2017			
3.	Armenia	Third	30 July 2016			
4.	Austria	Sixth	6 November 2021			
5.	Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	Fourth	1 November 2018			
6.	Belarus	Fifth	7 November 2001	18 February 2014	30 August 2016	List of issues prior to reporting adopted at the 114th session (July 2015)
7.	Benin	Third	6 November 2019			
8.	Bulgaria	Fourth	29 July 2015	20 February 2014	30 August 2016	List of issues prior to reporting adopted at the 114th session (July 2015)

State party	Type of report	Date due	Accepted simplified reporting procedure	New due date	Remarks
9. Burundi	Third	31 October 2018			
10. Canada	Seventh	24 July 2020			
11. Cambodia	Third	2 April 2019			
12. Chad	Third	28 March 2018	30 January 2012		
13. Chile	Seventh	31 July 2019			
14. Costa Rica	Seventh	31 March 2021			
15. Côte d'Ivoire	Second	2 April 2019			
16. Croatia	Fourth	2 April 2020	8 January 2014		Concluding observations on the third periodic report adopted under the simplified reporting procedure
17. Cyprus	Fifth	2 April 2020	16 February 2015		
18. Czech Republic	Fourth	26 July 2018	5 July 2013		
19. Djibouti	Second	1 November 2017			
20. El Salvador	Seventh	29 October 2014	11 February 2014	30 August 2016	List of issues prior to reporting adopted at the 114th session (July 2015)
21. Estonia	Fourth	30 July 2015	6 January 2015	30 April 2017	List of issues prior to reporting adopted at the 116th session (March 2016)
22. France	Sixth	24 July 2020			
23. Finland	Seventh	26 July 2019	8 January 2016		
24. Georgia	Fifth	31 July 2019			
25. Germany	Seventh	2 November 2018	28 March 2013		
26. Greece	Third	6 November 2020			
27. Guatemala	Fourth	30 March 2016	15 July 2013	30 November 2016	List of issues prior to reporting adopted at the 115th session (October 2015)

	State party	Type of report	Date due	Accepted simplified reporting procedure	New due date	Remarks
28.	Haiti	Second	31 October 2018			
29.	Hong Kong, China[a]	Fourth	30 March 2018			
30.	Hungary	Sixth	29 October 2014	15 October 2014	30 November 2016	List of issues prior to reporting adopted at the 115th session (October 2015)
31.	Iceland	Sixth	30 July 2018			
32.	Indonesia	Second	26 July 2017			
33.	Iraq	Sixth	6 November 2018			
34.	Ireland	Fifth	31 July 2019			
35.	Israel	Fifth	31 October 2018	9 May 2011		Concluding observations on the fourth periodic report adopted under the simplified reporting procedure
36.	Japan	Seventh	31 July 2018	30 March 2016		
37.	Kyrgyzstan	Third	28 March 2018			
38.	Latvia	Fourth	28 March 2020			
39.	Lithuania	Fourth	30 July 2017	20 March 2013		
40.	Macao, China[b]	Second	30 March 2018			
41.	Malawi	Second	31 July 2018			
42.	Malta	Third	31 October 2020			
43.	Mauritania	Second	1 November 2017			
44.	Monaco	Fourth	2 April 2021	5 January 2011		Concluding observations on the third periodic report adopted under the simplified reporting procedure
45.	Montenegro	Second	31 October 2020			
46.	Mozambique	Second	1 November 2017			

State party	Type of report	Date due	Accepted simplified reporting procedure	New due date	Remarks
47. Namibia	Third	31 March 2020			
48. Nepal	Third	28 March 2018			
49. New Zealand	Seventh	31 March 2023	28 January 2011		Concluding observations on the sixth periodic report adopted under the simplified reporting procedure
50. Norway	Seventh	2 November 2016	5 April 2013		List of issues prior to reporting to be adopted at the 117th session (June 2016)
51. Paraguay	Fourth	30 March 2017	23 October 2015		
52. Peru	Sixth	30 March 2018	18 February 2018		
53. Philippines	Fifth	2 November 2016			
54. Portugal	Fifth	31 October 2018			
55. Republic of Korea	Fifth	6 November 2019			
56. Russian Federation	Eighth	2 April 2019			
57. Rwanda	Fifth	31 March 2019			
58. San Marino	Fourth	6 November 2022	23 February 2011		Concluding observations on the third periodic report adopted under the simplified reporting procedure
59. Sierra Leone	Second	28 March 2017			
60. Slovenia	Fourth	31 March 2021			
61. South Africa	Second	31 March 2020			
62. Spain	Seventh	24 July 2020	2 October 2015		
63. Sri Lanka	Sixth	31 October 2017			
64. Sudan	Fifth	31 July 2017			
65. Suriname	Fourth	6 November 2020			

	State party	Type of report	Date due	Accepted simplified reporting procedure	New due date	Remarks
66.	Switzerland	Fourth	1 November 2015	23 January 2014	1 July 2016	List of issues prior to reporting adopted at the 112th session (October 2014) Report received but exceeded word limit. Requested to resubmit by 1 July 2016
67.	Sweden	Eighth	31 March 2023	20 June 2013		Concluding observations on the seventh periodic report adopted under the simplified reporting procedure
68.	Tajikistan	Third	26 July 2017			
69.	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	Fourth	24 July 2020			
70.	Turkey	Second	2 November 2016			
71.	Ukraine	Eighth	26 July 2018			
72.	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Eighth	24 July 2020			
73.	United States of America	Fifth	28 March 2019			
74.	Uruguay	Sixth	1 November 2018	26 November 2010		Concluding observations on the fifth periodic report adopted under the simplified reporting procedure
75.	Uzbekistan	Fifth	24 July 2018			
76.	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	Fifth	24 July 2018			

[a] Although China is not itself a party to the Covenant, the Government of China has honoured the obligations under article 40 with respect to Hong Kong, China, which was previously under British administration. For information on the application of the Covenant in Hong Kong, China, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-first Session, Supplement No. 40* (A/51/40), chap. V, sect. B, paras. 78-85.

[b] Although China is not itself a party to the Covenant, the Government of China has honoured the obligations under article 40 with respect to Macao, China, which was previously under Portuguese administration. For information on the application of the Covenant in Macao, China, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 40* (A/55/40), chap. IV.

F. States parties the report of which is yet to be considered by the Committee (25 States parties)

	State party	*Type of report*	*Date due*	*Date of submission*	*Accepted simplified reporting procedure*	*Remarks*
1.	Kuwait	Third	2 November 2014	28 October 2014		
2.	Ghana	Initial	8 February 2001	17 November 2014		
3.	Kazakhstan	Second	29 July 2014	11 December 2014		
4.	Azerbaijan	Fourth	1 August 2013	22 December 2014		
5.	Colombia	Seventh	1 April 2014	22 December 2014		
6.	Burkina Faso	Initial	3 April 2000	23 December 2014		
7.	Jamaica	Fourth	2 November 2014	18 March 2015		
8.	Slovakia	Fourth	1 April 2015	6 May 2015		
9.	Argentina	Fifth	30 March 2014	19 May 2015	20 September 2013	List of issues prior to reporting adopted at the 110th session (March 2014). Accordingly, the new due date to submit the report was set as 30 April 2015
10.	Morocco	Sixth	1 November 2008	15 June 2015		
11.	Bangladesh	Initial	6 December 2001	19 June 2015		
12.	Thailand	Second	1 August 2009	23 June 2015		
13.	Turkmenistan	Second	30 March 2015	27 July 2015		
14.	Ecuador	Sixth	30 October 2013	6 August 2015	1 March 2013	List of issues prior to reporting adopted at the 110th session (March 2014). Accordingly, the new due date to submit the report was set as 30 April 2015
15.	Denmark	Sixth	31 October 2013	29 September 2015	2 March 2013	List of issues prior to reporting adopted at the 103rd session (October 2011)
16.	Serbia	Third	1 April 2015	8 September 2015		
17.	Italy	Sixth	31 October 2009	8 September 2015		

	State party	Type of report	Date due	Date of submission	Accepted simplified reporting procedure	Remarks
18.	Pakistan	Initial	23 September 2011	19 October 2015		
19.	Honduras	Second	31 October 2010	21 October 2015		
20.	Poland	Seventh	29 October 2015	26 October 2015	6 March 2012	List of issues prior to reporting adopted at the 111th session (July 2014). Accordingly, the new due date to submit the report was set as 30 October 2015
21.	Madagascar	Fourth	23 March 2011	9 November 2015		
22.	Republic of Moldova	Third	30 October 2013	6 January 2016	18 March 2011	List of issues prior to reporting adopted at the 103rd session (October 2011)
23.	Liechtenstein	Second	1 September 2009	24 March 2016		
24.	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Third	2 November 2016	24 March 2016	1 February 2011	List of issues prior to reporting adopted at the 115th session (October 2015). Accordingly, the new due date to submit the report was set as 30 November 2016
25.	Mongolia	Sixth	1 April 2015	30 March 2016		